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The Board of Directors of the National School Boards Association (NSBA) has unanimously endorsed the U.S. Department of Energy's EnergySmart Schools (ESS) program. NSBA Executive Director, Anne Bryant, praised the program for "using a holistic approach to improving the teaching and learning environment by providing resources to encourage healthy, high-performance schools and energy education for the consumers of tomorrow." The U.S. Department of Energy is the first federal agency to receive this official endorsement.

<http://www.rebuild.gov/sectors/SectorPages/nsba.html>

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EnergySmart Schools

EnergySmart Schools set goals and implements energy-saving strategies that save money, help children learn about energy, and create improved teaching and learning environments. Here are a few reasons why schools are opting to participate in the EnergySmart program:

- To help students learn about energy, using the physical environment of schools as 'labs'
- To explore renewable energy and alternative fuels for transportation of children
- To help the environment by adopting practices that reduce energy consumption which reduces power generation pollutants
- To teach the future leaders of tomorrow about their role in using energy and the importance of wise energy stewardship

Energy is the second largest item in a school's budget. EnergySmart Schools recognizes that there is tremendous opportunity to save additional energy dollars in our nations' K-12 schools. Schools that broadly invest in energy-conservation improvements reduce their overall energy costs by 25 to 30 percent.



The Incentive

Rebuild MI, in partnership with the National Energy Education Development Project (NEED), is offering an EnergySmart Schools financial incentive for eligible public K-12 districts in Michigan to implement energy education projects during the 2006-2007 school year. Financial incentives of up to \$6,000 will be available per application for up to 4 school districts for energy education faculty workshops and educational materials for the students.



Eligibility

Your school district must be enrolled in the Rebuild Michigan program prior to receiving the incentive. If you are not already enrolled please visit www.michigan.gov/eormes or contact the Rebuild Michigan Energy Office for more information. The district must also be committed to integrating curriculum related to energy efficiency or renewable energy into their classroom beginning in September 2006.

Requirements

Eligible school districts should plan on initiating one or more energy education training sessions in the spring/summer and integrate energy activities into the classroom beginning the fall semester of 2006.

All curriculum materials and staff workshops will be provided by NEED. The NEED project is a nonprofit education association dedicated to developing hands-on energy education programs to schools nationwide. To become familiar with NEED's energy related activities and lesson plans please go to www.need.org.

Selection

Sample projects include an energy education curriculum for the classrooms with alternative energy activity such as a school-wide energy fair, energy conservation club, or student-led energy efficiency patrol. Funding will be awarded on a first-come, first-serve basis. Notice of selection will be given within 30days of receiving a complete proposal.

Application

If you would like to apply for the incentive or have any questions please contact the Rebuild Michigan Energy Office, at (517) 241-6228 or email erdinfo@michigan.gov to request an application.

Applications should be submitted to the MI Energy Office between **03/01/06 and 05/01/06**, but the submission period will end when funds are exhausted.